Remarks

The final Office Action of February 23, 2004, has been carefully reviewed. This paper is responsive thereto. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 4-7, 9, 25, 26, and 28-44 would be pending. The present Amendment requests that claims 2, 3, 8, 10-24, and 27 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, that claims 1, 4-7, 9, 25, and 26 be amended, and that new claims 28-44 be added.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,262,719 to Bi et al. ("Bi").

Claim 1 is directed to a method for emulating a two-button mouse-type computer input device. The method of claim 1 as amended includes displaying a user interface having a plurality of selectable functions including at least one of a shift function, a control function, or an alternate function; receiving a user selection of at least one of the functions; and sending a mouse button event modified by the selected function. For example, in an illustrative embodiment consistent with (but not limiting to) claim 1, a user may select the shift function from the displayed user interface, such that a shift-modified mouse button event (i.e., a shift-plus-click event) would be sent.

The Office Action asserts that Bi discloses a shift function, a control function, and an alternate function, by way of an onscreen keyboard that is brought up by selecting icon 1480. Without conceding the Office Action's assertion, Bi still fails to teach or suggest sending a mouse button event *modified by the selected function*, as recited in claim 1. For at least this

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reason, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 4-7, 9, 25, 26, and 28-31, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable for at least those reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 32 is also allowable. None of the art of record, either alone or in any combination, teaches or suggests detecting a gesture by a stylus; responsive to the gesture being a particular gesture, displaying a graphical user interface including a user-selectable keyboard function; detecting a first user interaction with the graphical user interface to select the keyboard function; and responsive to a stylus input, sending a mouse button event modified in accordance with the user-selected keyboard function.

Claims 33-44, which depend from claim 32, are also allowable for at least those reasons that claim 32 is allowable, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.
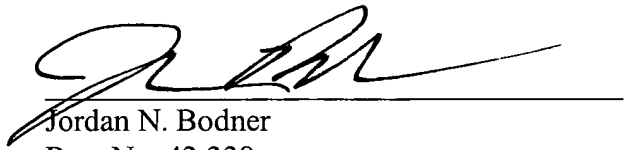
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All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and solicit prompt notification of the same. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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